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1. Defensive works are being constructed by Trudovak labor and civilian "volunteers" south of Svilengrad. The project, which was started in March 1951, will cover a zone two and one-half kilometers deep bordering on the Greek frontier. It will extend westward from the Maritsa River. The defenses include the erection of a series of three poles about 100 meters back of the border and paralleling the existing anti-tank ditch. The poles will be interwoven with barbed wire.
2. About 50 meters from the barbed wire area, trenches have been constructed. These are connected by two dug-outs, in turn joined by a tunnel through a hill about one kilometer southwest of the Svilengrad railroad station. The tunnel was made by the Germans during the last war.
3. Trenches also begin at the Maritsa River and extend westward toward Mezek; their terminus is not known. The existing blockhouses around Svilengrad are being cleaned and prepared for eventual use.
4. Since January 1951 trenches have been under construction in the Nevrokop region along the Nevrokop highway extending up to the Maritsa River. These trenches will be near the villages of Gaiteninonovo, Gorniani, Koprivlen, Iuki and Libyahovo.
5. Work on the construction of the Musomishte airfield runway, in the Nevrokop region, has been interrupted because of the rains. It is reported that the work will be resumed in summer.
6. The Class of 1931 is being called before the Bulgarian recruiting commissions for examination.

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